

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-05-05

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 7, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 8, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(D), in the Kuzitrin River drainage (including the Pilgrim and Kougarok drainages) at 11:59 p.m. on September 8, 2005. The harvest quota of 33 bulls is expected to be reached on September 8, and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, as amended by Emergency Order 05-02-05, are superseded by this emergency order as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 22(D), that portion within the
Kougarok, Kuzitrin and Pilgrim
River drainages

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit
only

Sept. 1 – Sept. 8

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: *Kate Persons*
Kate Persons
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in the Kuzitrin River drainage has declined by 50% since 1988. The Alaska Board of Game established a registration hunt in this portion Unit 22D and the department set a harvest quota of 33 bulls which is a 50% reduction in the average annual harvest in this area. These restrictions are intended to improve the bull:cow ratio and aid in population recovery. Current reported harvest from the Kuzitrin drainage is 29 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach the harvest quota of 33 bulls by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.